

326.020 Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers -- Membership -- Appointment -- Qualifications -- Terms -- Powers.

- (1) There is hereby created a board of ophthalmic dispensers to be known as the "Kentucky Board of Ophthalmic Dispensers." It shall consist of five (5) members to be appointed by the Governor, one (1) member of which shall be a licensed medical physician or osteopath experienced in the treatment and examination of eyes and one (1) member of which shall be a licensed optometrist. Two (2) members shall be licensed ophthalmic dispensers. One (1) member shall be a citizen at large who is not associated with or financially interested in the practice or business regulated. They shall not pass upon their own qualifications. The board shall elect one (1) of its members chairman and one (1) member secretary-treasurer. These officers shall serve at the pleasure of the board.
- (2) Members shall serve for a period of four (4) years from the date of their appointment and qualification. At the expiration of the term of office of any member, the Governor shall appoint a successor for a term of four (4) years.
- (3)
 - (a) The board may promulgate administrative regulations to carry out the purposes and provisions of this chapter, including the licensing of apprentice ophthalmic dispensers and the adoption of a program for continuing education for all licensees.
 - (b) No licensee shall be permitted to renew his or her license, unless the minimum annual continuing education requirements have been completed. No program for continuing education shall contain, as a prerequisite for license renewal, a requirement for more than a total of six (6) credit hours per year for ophthalmic dispenser licensees, or four (4) credit hours per year for apprentice ophthalmic dispenser licensees.
- (4) Board members shall receive fifty dollars (\$50) per day for attending board meetings. Board members shall also be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.
- (5) The board may:
 - (a) Revoke, suspend, or refuse to issue or renew licenses; impose probationary or supervisory conditions upon licensee; or issue written reprimands to licensees, in accordance with KRS 326.090;
 - (b) Impose administrative fines in accordance with KRS 326.100; or
 - (c) Take any other action or combination of actions regarding licenses, licensees, or apprenticeships authorized by this chapter.
- (6) For the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this chapter, the board may administer oaths, receive evidence, interview persons, issue subpoenas, and require the production of books, papers, documents, or other evidence.
- (7) The board may seek injunctive relief in Franklin Circuit Court to enjoin violation of KRS 326.030.

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-- Created 1954 Ky. Acts ch. 27, sec. 11, effective June 17, 1954.